

## From the Editors

This issue of the journal comprises some of the papers presented at the 2012 FNCV Biodiversity Symposium. The theme of the Symposium, 'Working together for ecological outcomes' was timely in the International Year of Co-operatives, and it may be timely still.

Recent government directives and local government activities seem set to undermine the hard work of those working together in the name of biodiversity. In Victoria prospecting for minerals in National Parks has been allowed, proposals have been considered to permit 4 and 5 star accommodation in Parks, and vegetation clearing controls have been watered down. Recreational shooting has been allowed in National Parks in New South Wales; and in Queensland flying fox camps are being dispersed and cattle are being allowed back into National Parks.

This issue is timely in promoting the value of cooperative action and the continued need for a concerted effort in protecting our diverse natural heritage.

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